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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 8, 1996

Vice-Chairman Perry Gisclair presiding.

Jerald Hanchey
Joseph Cormier
Daniel Babin
Jeff Schneider

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The recommendations for the light geese (snow and blue) was a statewide season opening on November 9 and until February 23. The daily bag limit would be 10 and possession limit 30. The dates for the white-fronted geese (specklebellies) would go from November 9 through December 8 and then from December 21 and run through January 29. The daily bag limit will be 2, with a possession limit of 4. A Canada Goose season was also recommended and it will open on January 21 and close on January 29 with a possession limit of 2 geese of which no more than 1 can be a Canada goose. Possession limit will be twice the daily bag limit. There will be a closed area which will be the same as last year. Shooting hours to be recommended will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Mr. Morrison stated he found out just before the meeting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was proposing a Youth Duck Hunt Day. It would occur one day in each zone outside the regular duck season on a weekend or holiday for those youth 15 years of age or under that are accompanied by an adult. The date recommended by the Department for this Youth Duck Hunt would be December 7.

Commissioner Cormier stated he received a letter from the Enforcement Division asking the Commission to consider splitting the goose season similar to the specklebellied season. Then he asked if this would be feasible and would it have any adverse affect on the other hunting seasons? Mr. Morrison stated if the

snow goose season was delayed, then the majority of the geese would have left the state. Commissioner Schneider asked what about opening the season earlier? He stated he received a lot of letters from north Louisiana asking that the goose season open earlier. Mr. Morrison stated opening a week earlier would put that season ahead of all the duck seasons by a week. Commissioner Cormier asked if there would be a problem in pushing the duck season ahead by a week? Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Col. Vidrine to explain why enforcement wants the season split. Commissioner Schneider asked if the federal guidelines only allowed 70 days for the specklebellies? Commissioner Babin stated a similar situation would occur with goose season opening on November 9 and the east zone duck season not opening until November 23. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated there was no way to have the season dates and closures in two zones with two splits and make them work out. He suggested that you open as many waterfowl seasons as you can with the same date. Secretary Jenkins stated the goose situation in north Louisiana was a problem for farmers and those in the agriculture business. He then suggested going with the recommendations from those in north Louisiana. Commissioner Schneider stated he also has received requests to open the west zone on November 16 and suggested the dates of November 16 to December 10 and then reopen on December 26 through January 19 for the west zone. Mr. Morrison stated he would not recommend it because the second split would be opening in the middle of the week. The early season was directed toward the early migrating birds traveling through Louisiana. Commissioner Schneider stated he does not understand the disparity that occurs in the western zone. Mr. Bateman stated this packet was arranged to accommodate as many variables as possible. Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked if the bag limit for geese was ten last year and if this year it would be ten and two? Commissioner Schneider asked how late was the framework for the goose season? Mr. Morrison stated the Migratory Bird Treaty Act did not allow the season to go past March 10. Commissioner Schneider stated he would like to accommodate enforcement with their problem on the goose season. Commissioner Schneider asked if there are more specklebellies in January and if you open one season, would you have to open the other? Mr. Morrison stated the late January season dates for specklebellies were more important than moving the season earlier. Commissioner Hanchey stated he would rather see it open for the blue and snows and leave the specklebellies as they are. Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Commissioner Schneider if he talked to the staff when he received his fax about all of the different problems. Commissioner Schneider felt there was more interest in the duck season this year than in year's past. Mr. Morrison gave Commissioner Schneider different options for an earlier straight season or split season. Again Commissioner Schneider stated he wanted to make an effort to accommodate as many people as possible. Vice-Chairman Gisclair stated if there were any problems with the season dates, then the Commission's Hunting Regulations Committee should have held a meeting prior to the meeting. Commissioner Cormier asked Col. Vidrine if the season was

moved up one week, would it accommodate Enforcement? Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated splitting the different geese seasons could prompt unintentional kills. He then stated Enforcement did not mind the goose and duck seasons being split but the different geese seasons should either be all closed or all open at the same time. Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked for public comments at this time.

Mr. David Broussard, Manager of Oak Grove Hunting Club, stated they wanted the west zone for the duck season to open after Christmas and close around January 19. He agreed with the comments made on an early November season for the early migrating birds. Commissioner Schneider asked Mr. Broussard what date would he like for the first split to open in November? Mr. Broussard stated November 9th was fine with him. Mr. Morrison stated the Department requested a 53 day season in order to have an opening on Saturday and close on a Sunday, but that was not granted. Then he stated if you open the second split on December 26, you would be taking a weekend of hunting away from the children that would be on Christmas vacation.

Commissioner Schneider asked Mr. Morrison if he had any options for splitting the goose season. Mr. Morrison stated if the season would open on November 2 and run straight for 107 days, it would close on February 16. But if you split the season on November 2, the first split would close on December 8 and the second split would run from December 21 through February 28. Commissioner Cormier asked if a decision was needed today? Commissioner Babin stated the staff was well trained and they have come up with dates they think would accommodate as many people as possible and the Commission could never satisfy everyone. He felt the Commission should go with the staff's recommendation. Then Commissioner Babin made a motion to go along with the Department on the setting of duck and goose season. Mr. Morrison asked that the Youth Duck Hunt Day set for December 7 be included in the motion. Commissioner Babin restated his motion to include the Department's recommendations and the December 7 Youth Duck Hunt Day.

Mr. Steve Oates, Lafayette, asked if the Commission has considered reevaluating the decision on approaching standing geese and the problems associated with the large bodies of geese and the potential of a viral or bacterial kill. Col. Vidrine stated the Enforcement Division recommended doing away with that regulation. The agents have written three citations and all of the cases were lost in court because of the definition of goose creeping.

Mr. Ted Bouhler, Lafayette, went along with the suggestion of opening on November 9 through December 1 and reopen on December 26 and close on January 19. Opening too early would mean a loss of ducks from the marsh area. Commissioner Hanchey stated this was the same suggestion he has been receiving.

Mr. Warren Coco suggested opening the west zone on the earliest date possible because of the rains. Then he asked the Commission to go along with the Department's recommendations.

Mr. Wilson "Tibby" Thibodaux, Baton Rouge Sportsman's League, recommended accepting the Department's season dates.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair restated the motion that was made by Commissioner Babin to accept the Department's recommendations including a Youth Duck Hunt Day on December 7. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Commissioner Cormier asked if the east and west zones would open on November 9 and could there be a November 9 opening for the east zone. Commissioner Schneider stated there has always been a later opening date for the east because the birds do not migrate to that part of the State as early as in the west. Mr. Morrison stated these dates provided the maximum opportunity for the hunters. Commissioner Hanchey asked why could not the second split in the west run from December 26 through January 19 to satisfy those hunters? An unidentified speaker stated this change would impact all of the youth that would be out for Christmas holidays. Commissioner Schneider stated a weekend in the end was being added. The motion passed with Commissioner Hanchey opposing the motion.

Commissioner Schneider asked if goose creeping needed to be discussed? Vice-Chairman Gisclair stated Col. Vidrine answered the questions. Commissioner Schneider asked if a resolution was needed or suspending the rules in order to discuss it? Commissioner Schneider then asked that goose creeping be placed on the agenda for the September Meeting.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 1996

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 1996.

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots and geese in Washington, DC, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 1996-97 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Glynn Carver, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

Public Comments on 1996-97 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates for Doves, Woodcock, etc. began with Mr. Dave Morrison reminding the Commission they adopted tentative dates for these species at the July Commission Meeting. No changes have been proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a Declaration of Emergency would be forwarded by the Secretary to put those dates into effect for the upcoming hunting season. Vice-Chairman Gisclair then asked for public comments and none were heard.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair called for Public Comments on the 1997 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Proposals and the Disabled Hunter Program and none were heard.

A Declaration of Emergency to Open Public Oyster Seed Grounds for 1996-97 Season was presented by Mr. Ron Dugas. Mr. Dugas stated the Department inventoried the public oyster grounds and found an abundance of oysters primarily because of rainfall. He recommended opening all public grounds including four reservations on September 4, 1996. Also, it was recommended to open the public tonging reef in Calcasieu Lake on October 16, 1996. Then Mr. Dugas read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution.

Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept The Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1996/97 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 1996
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1996 is September 4, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservation" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changes R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking area only on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Bay Junop, Bay Gardene, Hackberry Bay, and Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservations not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 4, 1996, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. To Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas

previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1996 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declare:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Bay Junop, Bay Gardene, Hackberry Bay, and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise September 4, 1996.

2. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 4, 1996. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. To Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

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4. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource subsides.

5. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1996 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 1997.

6. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Perry Gisclair
Vice-Chairman

Mr. Brandt Savoie handled the **Declaration of Emergency to Set Opening Date for 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season**. Staff has been sampling populations throughout the summer and found the white shrimp are acting similar to years past. The recommendation was to open the season statewide on Monday, August 19, 1996 at official sunrise and close on December 15, 1996 at sunset. However, Breton and Chandeleur Sounds would remain open until 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1997. Mr. Savoie read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Babin seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and
- WHEREAS,** historically the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS,** historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated

that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the third Monday in August will be August 19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise Monday, August 19, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset Sunday, December 15, 1996 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1 as described in R.S. 56:495.1.A.(2), which shall remain open until 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1997. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing date if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Glynn Carver, Chairman
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State Line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to

the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line,

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Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Mr. Mike Landrum if the goose creeping discussion was being delayed to provide advance notice and possibly obtaining public comments. Commissioner Cormier asked what would be the difference in cost if we address the issue this month versus next month? Secretary Jenkins asked if this rule was adopted by the Commission or the Legislature. With it being a Commission rule, the Administrative Procedure Act time frame of 120 days would have to be followed. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated enough time was needed to provide the public written information on the seasons. Commissioner Schneider asked if action was taken now, would there be enough time to cover the 120 days before the season opened? It was determined the time frame would not be over before the season opened.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 62 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 94 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 125 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 93 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 179 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 176 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 166 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 290 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 174 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigative Section - 45 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 52 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 32 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,512.

An Enforcement Aviation Report was also given by Col. Winton Vidrine. He stated for July 1996, enforcement pilots flew three airplanes for a total of 112.6 hours for enforcement and 23.7 hours for other divisions and a total of 7 citations were issued.

Col. Vidrine stated they received a lot of complaints on fishermen taking undersized bass in the Atchafalaya Basin area. He reported agents issued citations to 30 different fishermen for taking undersized bass. A copy of a News Release was given to the Commissioners which showed 62 individuals being cited for violating the shark regulations. Finally, Col. Vidrine stated they have made quite a few cases over the past several weeks on shrimping during closed season. He felt violating a regulation should have stiffer penalties. Commissioner Schneider asked Col. Vidrine to develop recommendations that could be presented to the Legislature. Then Commissioner Schneider reminded everyone there was a District Attorney's report given during the Commission meetings and this could be started again.

Commissioner Babin stated he was informed by the oyster industry that monies may be available to continue the Oyster Task Force. He then stated he called Enforcement several time to report fishing out of season in his area and did not understand why this was occurring. Commissioner Babin agreed the penalties should fit the crime not just for shrimpers but in all aspects of wildlife and fisheries.

Secretary Jenkins stated when he was on the Commission he, the Secretary and Chief of Enforcement went to visit several District Attorneys and it helped with prosecuting cases. Then he offered to start the District Attorney's reports again. Then Secretary Jenkins asked Col. Vidrine about cases in Region II and Region III. Commissioner Cormier stated he addressed the District Attorney Association at one time and the Association commented they would prosecute but also noted the penalties were minimum, and it was almost not worth prosecuting.

Commissioner Babin stated the public should not be warned when they commit a violation. The agents should be issuing tickets no matter how close or far away they are from being legal. Then he again stated the penalty needed to fit the crime.

Commissioner Schneider suggested the Commission's subcommittee on hunting regulations should hold a meeting before setting the waterfowl season next year. He then stated the idea of setting a season at the last minute is difficult.

There would be no Division Reports given this month, reported Secretary Jenkins.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to hold the **December 1996 Meeting** on Thursday, December 5, 1996 beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Baton Rouge office. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Babin and approved with no opposition.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Commissioner Schneider asked that a report be given on crabs and the Crab Task Force for the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked if the gear shrimpers use inside the 3-mile area was totally dictated by the Legislature. Mr. Brandt Savoie answered it was handled by the Legislature. Then Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Mr. Savoie to compile a report on white shrimp production over the last 10 years. He felt there was a problem with the gear used and how it was affecting the white shrimp.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Mr. Dave Morrison stated the next item was to **Announce Tentative 1996-97 Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits for Ducks, Geese and Coots**. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed the framework for these species. For ducks the framework is a 50 day season with 5 bird bag limit, with an opening date ~~at~~ no earlier than September 28 and closing no later than January 19. Goose season framework is a maximum of 107 days for snow and blue with a 10 bird bag limit; and for white fronted geese, a season of 70 days with no more than 2 in the bag limit. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not adopt these frameworks until September 1996. The

seasons adopted by the Commission would be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selection for the 1996-97 season. If there are no changes at the Service's level, the seasons would then be adopted by Declaration of Emergency at the September Commission Meeting. A video on the status of waterfowl and their breeding grounds was shown at this point. Highlights from the video showed estimates of breeding populations for ducks was up 5 percent from last year. The fall flight estimated was 83 million ducks and this included record numbers for gadwall, mallard, green-winged teal, blue-winged teal, shoveler, canvasback and redheads. Habitat conditions have improved for the third year and the forecast was excellent for the coming season. Commissioner Schneider asked why the pintails were not responding to the improved habitat conditions? Then Mr. Morrison went over the Wildlife Division's recommendations for ducks and coots. West Zone would open November 9 and close December 1 and then reopen December 21 and go through January 16. East Zone and Catahoula Zone would open November 23 through December 5 and then reopen on December 14 and close January 19. The daily bag limit on ducks would be 5 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback and 2 redhead. The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks. The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit. The daily bag limit on coots will be 15 and the season will run concurrent with the duck season.

The recommendations for the light geese (snow and blue) was a statewide season opening on November 9 and go until February 23. The daily bag limit would be 10 and possession limit ~~of~~ 30. The dates for the white-fronted geese (specklebellies) would go from November 9 through December 8 and then ~~again open on~~ December 21 ~~and run through~~ January 29. The daily bag limit will be 2, with a possession limit of 4. A Canada Goose season was also recommended and it will open on January 21 and close on January 29 with a possession limit of 2 geese of which no more than 1 can be a Canada goose. Possession limit will be twice the daily bag limit. There will be a closed area which will be the same as last year. Shooting hours to be recommended will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Mr. Morrison stated he found out just before the meeting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was proposing a Youth Duck Hunt Day. It would occur one day in each zone outside the regular duck season on a weekend or holiday for those youth 15 years of age or under that are accompanied by an adult. The date recommended by the Department for this Youth Duck Hunt would be December 7.

Commissioner Cormier stated he received a letter from the Enforcement Division asking the Commission to consider splitting the goose season similar to the specklebellied season. Then he asked if this would be feasible and would it have any adverse

that affect on the other hunting seasons? Mr. Morrison stated if the snow goose season was delayed, then the majority of the geese would have left the state. Commissioner Schneider asked what about opening the season earlier? He stated he received a lot of letters from north Louisiana asking the goose season open earlier. Mr. Morrison stated opening a week earlier would put that season ahead of all the duck seasons by a week. Commissioner Cormier asked if there would be a problem in pushing the duck season ahead by a week? Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Col. Vidrine to explain why enforcement wants the season split. Commissioner Schneider asked if the federal guidelines only allowed 70 days for the specklebellies? Commissioner Babin stated a similar situation would occur with goose season opening on November 9 and the east zone duck season not opening until November 23. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated there was no way to have the season dates and closures in two zones with two splits and make them work out. He suggested that you open as many waterfowl seasons as you can with the same date. Secretary Jenkins stated the goose situation in north Louisiana was a problem for farmers and those in the agriculture business. He then suggested going with the recommendations from those in north Louisiana. Commissioner Schneider stated he also has received requests to open the west zone on November 16 and suggested the dates of November 16 to December 10 and then reopen on December 26 through January 19 for the west zone. Mr. Morrison stated he would not recommend it because the second split would be opening in the middle of the week. The early season was directed toward the early migrating birds traveling through Louisiana. Commissioner Schneider stated he does not understand the disparity that occurs in the western zone. Mr. Bateman stated this packet was arranged to accommodate as many variables as possible. Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked if the bag limit for geese was ten last year and if this year it would be ten and two? Commissioner Schneider asked how late was the framework for the goose season? Mr. Morrison stated the Migratory Bird Treaty Act did not allow the season to go past March 10. Commissioner Schneider stated he would like to accommodate enforcement with their problem on the goose season. Commissioner Schneider asked if there are more specklebellies in January and if you open one season, would you have to open the other? Mr. Morrison stated the late January season dates for specklebellies ~~was~~ more important than moving the season earlier. Commissioner Hanchey stated he would rather see it open for the blue and snows and leave the specklebellies as they are. Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Commissioner Schneider if he talked to the staff when he received his fax about all of the different problems. Commissioner Schneider felt there was more interest in the duck season this year than in year's past. Mr. Morrison gave Commissioner Schneider different options for an earlier straight season or split season. Again Commissioner Schneider stated he wanted to make an effort to accommodate as many people as possible. Vice-Chairman Gisclair stated if there were any problems with the season dates, then the Commission's Hunting Regulations Committee should have held a meeting prior to the

were

meeting. Commissioner Cormier asked Col. Vidrine if the season was moved up one week, would it accommodate Enforcement? Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated splitting the different geese seasons could prompt unintentional kills. He then stated Enforcement did not mind the goose and duck seasons being split but the different geese seasons should either be all closed or all open at the same time. Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked for public comments at this time.

Mr. David Broussard, Manager of Oak Grove Hunting Club, stated they wanted the west zone for the duck season to open after Christmas and close around January 19. He agreed with the comments made on an early November season for the early migrating birds. Commissioner Schneider asked Mr. Broussard what date would he like for the first split to open in November? Mr. Broussard stated November 9th was fine with him. Mr. Morrison stated the Department requested a 53 day season in order to have an opening on Saturday and close on a Sunday, but was not granted. Then he stated if you open the second split on December 26, you would be taking a weekend of hunting away from the children that would be on Christmas vacation.

Commissioner Schneider asked Mr. Morrison if he had any options for splitting the goose season. Mr. Morrison stated if the season would open on November 2 and run straight for 107 days, it would close on February 16. But if you split the season on November 2, the first split would close on December 8 and the second split would run from December 21 through February 28. Commissioner Cormier asked if a decision was needed today? Commissioner Babin stated the staff was well trained and they have come up with dates they think would accommodate as many people as possible and the Commission could never satisfy everyone. He felt the Commission should go with the staff's recommendation. Then Commissioner Babin made a motion to go along with the Department on the setting of duck and goose season. Mr. Morrison asked that the Youth Duck Hunt Day set for December 7 be included in the motion. Commissioner Babin restated his motion to include the Department's recommendations and the December 7 Youth Duck Hunt Day.

Mr. Steve Oates, Lafayette, asked if the Commission has considered reevaluating the decision on approaching standing geese and the problems associated with the large bodies of geese and the potential of a viral or bacterial kill. Col. Vidrine stated the Enforcement Division recommended doing away with that regulation. The agents have written three citations and all of the cases were lost in court because of the definition of goose creeping.

Mr. Ted Bouhler, Lafayette, went along with the suggestion of opening on November 9 through December 1 and reopen on December 26 and close on January 19. Opening too early would mean a loss of ducks from the marsh area. Commissioner Hanchey stated this was the same suggestion he has been receiving.

Mr. Warren Coco suggested opening the west zone on the earliest date possible because of the rains. Then he asked the Commission to go along with the Department's recommendations.

Mr. Wilson "Tibby" Thibodaux, Baton Rouge Sportsman's League, recommended accepting the Department's season dates.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair restated the motion that was made by Commissioner Babin to accept the Department's recommendations including a Youth Duck Hunt Day on December 7. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Commissioner Cormier asked if the east and west zones would open on November 9 and could there be a November 9 opening for the east zone. Commissioner Schneider stated there has always been a later opening date for the east because the birds do not migrate to that part of the State as early as in the west. Mr. Morrison stated these dates provided the maximum opportunity for the hunters. Commissioner Hanchey asked why could not the second split in the west run from December 26 through January 19 to satisfy those hunters? An unidentified speaker stated this change would impact all of the youth that would be out for Christmas holidays. Commissioner Schneider stated a weekend in the end was being added. The motion passed with Commissioner Hanchey opposing the motion.

Commissioner Schneider asked if goose creeping needed to be discussed? Vice-Chairman Gisclair stated Col. Vidrine answered the questions. Commissioner Schneider asked if a resolution was needed or suspending the rules in order to discuss it? Commissioner Schneider then asked that goose creeping be placed on the agenda for the September Meeting.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 8, 1996

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 8, 1996.

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots and geese in Washington, DC, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 1996-97 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Glynn Carver, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

Public Comments on 1996-97 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Dates for Doves, Woodcock, etc. began with Mr. Dave Morrison reminding the Commission they adopted tentative dates for these species at the July Commission Meeting. No changes have been proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a Declaration of Emergency would be forwarded by the Secretary to put those dates into effect for the upcoming hunting season. Vice-Chairman Gisclair then asked for public comments and none were heard.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair called for **Public Comments on the 1997 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Proposals and the Disabled Hunter Program** and none were heard.

A Declaration of Emergency to Open Public Oyster Seed Grounds for 1996-97 Season was presented by Mr. Ron Dugas. Mr. Dugas stated the Department inventoried the public oyster grounds and found an abundance of oysters primarily because of rainfall. He recommended opening all public grounds including four reservations on September 4, 1996. Also, it was recommended to open the public tonging reef in Calcasieu Lake on October 16, 1996. Then Mr. Dugas read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution.

Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept The Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1996/97 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 8, 1996
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1996 is September 4, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservation" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changes R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking area only on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Bay Junop, Bay Gardene, Hackberry Bay, and Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservations not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 4, 1996, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. To Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas

previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1996 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Glynn Carver, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declare:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Bay Junop, Bay Gardene, Hackberry Bay, and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise September 4, 1996.

2. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 4, 1996. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. To Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

3. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

4. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource subsides.

5. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1996 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 1997.

6. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Perry Gisclair
Vice-Chairman

Mr. Brandt Savoie handled the **Declaration of Emergency to Set Opening Date for 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season**. Staff has been sampling populations throughout the summer and found the white shrimp are acting similar to years past. The recommendation was to open the season statewide on Monday, August 19, 1996 at official sunrise and close on December 15, 1996 at sunset. However, Breton and Chandeleur Sounds would remain open until 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1997. Mr. Savoie read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Babin seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and
- WHEREAS,** historically the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS,** historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated

that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the third Monday in August will be August 19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise Monday, August 19, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset Sunday, December 15, 1996 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1 as described in R.S. 56:495.1.A.(2), which shall remain open until 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1997. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing date if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Glynn Carver, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State Line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to

the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line,

all to open at official sunrise Monday, August 19, 1996.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset Sunday, December 15, 1996 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1.A.(2), which shall remain open until 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1997. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing date if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Perry Gisclair
Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Mr. Mike Landrum if the goose creeping discussion was being delayed to provide advance notice and possibly obtaining public comments. Commissioner Cormier asked what would be the difference in cost if we address the issue this month versus next month? Secretary Jenkins asked if this rule was adopted by the Commission or the Legislature. With it being a Commission rule, the Administrative Procedure Act time frame of 120 days would have to be followed. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated enough time was needed to provide the public written information on the seasons. Commissioner Schneider asked if action was taken now, would there be enough time to cover the 120 days before the season opened? It was determined the time frame would not be over before the season opened.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 62 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 94 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 125 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 93 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 179 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 176 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 166 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 290 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 174 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigative Section - 45 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 52 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 32 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,512.

An Enforcement Aviation Report was also given by Col. Winton Vidrine. He stated for July 1996, enforcement pilots flew three airplanes for a total of 112.6 hours for enforcement and 23.7 hours for other divisions and a total of 7 citations were issued.

Col. Vidrine stated they received a lot of complaints on fishermen taking undersized bass in the Atchafalaya Basin area. He reported agents issued citations to 30 different fishermen for taking undersized bass. A copy of a News Release was given to the Commissioners which showed 62 individuals being cited for violating the shark regulations. Finally, Col. Vidrine stated they have made quite a few cases over the past several weeks on shrimping during closed season. He felt ~~the penalties for~~ violating a regulation should have stiffer penalties. Commissioner Schneider asked Col. Vidrine to develop recommendations that could be presented to the Legislature. Then Commissioner Schneider reminded everyone there was a District Attorney's report given during the Commission meetings and this could be started again.

Commissioner Babin stated he was informed by the oyster industry that monies may be available to continue the Oyster Task Force. He then stated he called Enforcement several times to report fishing out of season in his area and did not understand why this was occurring. Commissioner Babin agreed the penalties should fit the crime not just for shrimpers but in all aspects of wildlife and fisheries.

Secretary Jenkins stated when he was on the Commission he, the Secretary and Chief of Enforcement went to visit several District Attorneys and it helped with prosecuting cases. Then he offered to start the District Attorney's reports again. Then Secretary Jenkins asked Col. Vidrine about cases in Region II and Region III. Commissioner Cormier stated he addressed the District Attorney Association at one time and the Association commented they would prosecute but also noted the penalties were ~~too~~ minimum, *AND* it was almost not worth prosecuting.

Commissioner Babin stated the public should not be warned when they commit a violation, the agents should be issuing tickets no matter how close or far away they are from being legal. Then he again stated the penalty ~~was~~ needed to fit the crime.

Commissioner Schneider suggested the Commission's subcommittee on hunting regulations should hold a meeting before setting the waterfowl season next year. He then stated the idea of setting a season at the last minute is difficult.

There would be no **Division Reports** given this month, reported Secretary Jenkins.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to hold the **December 1996 Meeting** on Thursday, December 5, 1996 beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Baton Rouge office. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Babin and approved with no opposition.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Commissioner Schneider asked that a report be given on crabs and the Crab Task Force for the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked if the gear shrimpers use ~~for~~ inside the 3-mile area was totally dictated by the Legislature. Mr. Brandt Savoie answered it was handled by the Legislature. Then Vice-Chairman Gisclair asked Mr. Savoie to compile a report on white shrimp production over the last 10 years. He felt there was a problem with the gear used and how it was affecting the white shrimp.

There being no further business, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Duck, goose seasons given LWFC approval

The state's West Zone waterfowl hunters will get a two-week jump on the East and Catahoula zones after the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved the duck and goose seasons Thursday.

The West Zone will open its first split Nov. 9 and run 23 days to a close on Dec. 1.

The LWFC voted a Dec. 23-Dec. 5 first split for East and Catahoula duck-hunting zones.

The West will complete its 50-day season with a Dec. 21-Jan. 16 split, while the East-Catahoula second split will run from Dec. 14-Jan. 19.

"All the dates were debated and the commission heard all the objections about these dates, but when it came down to voting, they (commission members) adopted our recommendations," said Hugh Bateman, state Wildlife Division administrator.

"Our biggest problem isn't with the objections of state hunters, but with the (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service," Bateman said. "We are setting seasons based on verbal commitments from the Feds. We have yet to see our framework in writing."

"We asked for 53 days in our season — there are enough ducks to give us that many days — and they stuck with the 50 days. The 53 days would have allowed us to open both splits in all three zones on a Saturday and close them on a Sunday."

The Dec. 5 close in the East and the Jan. 16 close in the West Zone are Thursdays.

Among the other stipulations in the daily bag limit will be that the five-duck daily limit can include no more than four mallards, including no more than one mallard hen, three mottled ducks, two wood ducks, two redheads and one each black duck, pintail and/or canvasback.

The duck season will be subject to the approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will face final ratification at the commission's Sept. 5 meeting.

The same holds true for the goose seasons, which were also tentatively approved Thursday.

Unlike the duck season, the state's goose hunters have statewide dates and limits. The commission approved a 70-day, two-split season for specklebellies, Nov. 9-Dec. 8 and Dec. 21-Jan. 29, and a straight 107-day, Nov. 9-Feb. 23 season for blue and snow geese. The daily limit for



1996-97 STATEWIDE DUCK, GEESE SEASONS

Ducks

■ West Zone the 50 days of hunting would be in split seasons: Nov. 9-Dec. 1; Dec. 21-Jan. 16.

■ East Zone, Nov. 23-Dec. 5 and Dec. 14-Jan. 19.

■ Catahoula Lake, Nov. 23-Dec. 5; Dec. 14-Jan. 19.

■ Daily bag limit is 5 and may include no more than 4 mallards. Of the mallards only one may be female; also no more than three mottled ducks, one black duck, two wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback and 2 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

■ Mergansers: daily limit of 5 and only one may be a hooded merganser.

■ Possession limit: twice the daily bag limit for ducks, coots and mergansers.

■ The commission was told that the federal agency is expected to allow states to have one day out of season to allow youths to hunt ducks. If approval comes, Louisiana would set aside Dec. 7. Eligible would be anyone 15 or younger. They must be accompanied by adults, who will not be allowed to shoot.

Geese

■ Snow and Blues: 107 days of hunting, Nov. 9-Feb. 23. Daily bag limit is 10 with possession limit, 20.

■ Speckle Bellies: Split season: Nov. 9-Dec. 8 and Dec. 21-Jan. 29. Daily bag limit is 2.

■ In a small area of Cameron-Vermilion, there will be a nine-day season for Canada Geese, Jan. 21-Jan. 29. To hunt those, a special permit is required from the department.

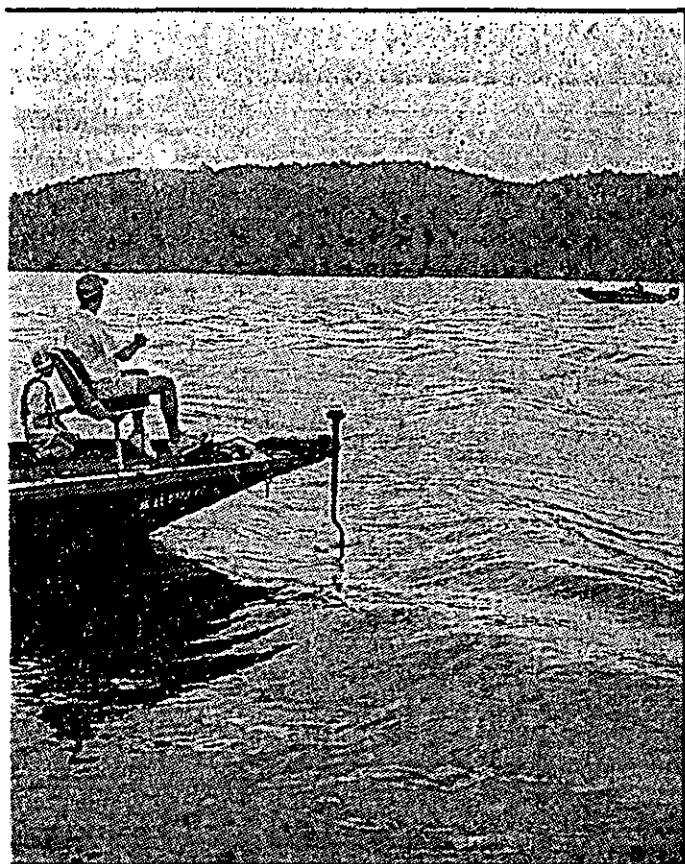
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specklebellies will be two and it'll be 10 on blues and snows.

Also approved were a special nine-day, Jan. 21-29 Canada goose season in a specially designated area of southwest Louisiana, and the seasons on coots (poule d'eau) to run concurrently with the three zones of the duck seasons.

There will be a limit of one Canada goose per day during the special season, and daily limit of 15 on coots.

— JOE MACALUSO



Associated Press photo

d flight of Thursday morning's 'blast-off' on Lay Lake,

REPORT

3, Bismarck, Ark., 5-10; 22, Craig Texas, 5-4; 23 (tie), Doug Garrett, Penny Brauer, Camdenton, Mo., 4-3; 24, Hurley, Miss., 4-7; 26, Bernie Fla., 4-5; 27, Jim Bitter, Fruitland, N.C., 3-12; 30, Ray C., 3-4.

Weatherford, Texas, 2-13; 32, Larry Ark., 2-12; 33, Stacey D. King, 2-7; 34, Kenny French, Brookville, Robertson, Jay, Okla., 1-15; 36, Tenn., 1-12; 37, Randy Dearman, 1-9; 38, Richard McCarty, Alba, Blaukat, Joplin, Mo., 0-12; 40 outhbury, Conn., and Tom Biffle, nas Vickers, Denver, N.C., 5-13

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among the first to the is 11-12 stringer, said

he wasn't nervous being among the leaders, that he worked to his fishing strengths — he said he likes to fish crankbaits — and not attempt to fish patterns he finds uncomfortable.

He said VanDam is one of his heroes "because he's such a versatile and truly great fishermen," but added that he's going to fish the last two days using the same techniques that produced the day's biggest bass, a 5-13 that earned him the Classic's first paycheck, the \$1,000 payout for the day's lunger.

Lay Lake, a 12,000-acre impoundment on the Coosa River, proved VanDam correct in his pre-tournament assessment that "lots of limits will come in."

Only two anglers were shut out Thursday, and with 19 limits, VanDam said his commitment to working only "big fish patterns is something I developed in last year's Classic. I just missed out last year (he was sixth), but I'm sticking with what I'm doing."

That's not a good omen for Hite. "Look, I like where I'm at right now, but being second behind Kevin is not a good place for anyone to be," Hite said.

The lone Louisiana fishermen in the field, David Wharton from Leesville, also had a limit. His 8-3 stringer put him 12th.

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, August 8, 1996
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Glynn Carver (Chairman)	—	✓
Perry Gisclair	✓	—
Jeff Schneider	✓	—
Daniel Babin	✓	—
Joseph Cormier	✓	—
Jerald Hanchey	✓	—
Edmund McIlhenny	—	✓

Mr. Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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West Zone

Ducks

Nov. 16 - Dec. 10

Dec. 26 - Jan. 19

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EAST Zone
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Snow Goose Season

DELTA LAND AND FARM MANAGEMENT CO., INC.

P.O. BOX 256

MERIDIAN, LOUISIANA 71261

W.L. TOWNE, President

PHONE: (504) 647-2761

FAX: (504) 647-2762

August 6, 1998

Mr. Earl Jones
Former Commissioner, LDWF
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Sir:

Delta Land and Farm Management manages farm property located in north Louisiana which is used in the production of cotton, rice, milo, soybeans and wheat.

We have, in the last few years, seen a progressively worsening problem with geese destroying wheat in the fall of the year. There have been occasions where complete fields have been destroyed.

We understand that there may be a means by which the dates for goose season could be changed so that the season can be opened earlier.

We would like for you to pursue this possibility and hopefully the hunting pressure would help to save some of our crop.

If we can be of any assistance please feel free to call me at 601-647-2761.

Best regards,

Merley Olchon
Merley Olchon

BERT H. JONES

P.O. BOX 248
SIMSBORO, LA. 71275
318/247-3741

August 7, 1996

Mr. Jimmy Jenkins, Secretary
LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
2000 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge LA 70898

Dear Jimmy:

I would like to propose a change relating to the East Zone Goose Season opening date. Please see if the Commission would be receptive to opening the season the first weekend in November.

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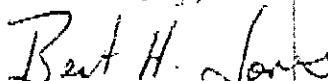
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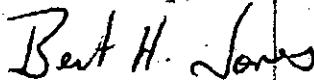
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We would like for you to pursue this possibility and hopefully the hunting pressure would help to save some of the crop.

If we can be of any assistance please feel free to give me a call.

Best regards,

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M.J. "Mike" Foster
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MEMORANDUM

To: Johnnie Tarver, Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife
From: Col. Winton Vidrine, Enforcement Division Administrator
Subject: Waterfowl Hunting Season Dates Proposal, 1996 -97.

After review of the hunting season dates for the 1996-97 waterfowl season we find only two matters to which we would like to draw your attention. The first matter concerns the decision as to whether to run a "straight" 107 day snow goose season or to split the season the same as the white front season. It is our recommendation to split the season with the white front season. Our reasoning is for enforcement purposes.

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check hunters after the other seasons are closed, providing a more effective enforcement presence.

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September 7 - September 15 9 days
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September 21 - September 29
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SHOOTING HOURS:

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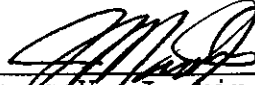
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5. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1996 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 1997.

6. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Glynn Carver
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RESOLUTION

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Chairman



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JULY 1996

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JULY 1996

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-62

ENFORCEMENT-62

OTHER DIV. - 0

23-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

24-Fishing W/O Cane Pole License

1-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries (Parish Ordinance)

CONFISCATIONS:

NONE.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

23-Boating

37-Sport Fishing

1-Littering

1-Other

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-94

ENFORCEMENT-94

OTHER DIV. - 0

37-Boating

1-Buy/Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Retail License

1-No Transport License

4-Angling W/O A License

4-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License

1-Take Undersize Black Bass

44-Possession Of Drugs And Paraphernalia

2-DWI

CONFISCATIONS:

1-15 inch black bass, 1 boat trailer, 1 Bayliner 18' boat, 1 Louisiana Drivers License, ½ oz.
Marijuana, several methamphetomines, Valium, paraphernalia.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

37-Boating

10-Public Assistance

2-Commercial Fishing

9-Sports Fishing

46-Other

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-125

ENFORCEMENT-109

OTHER DIV. - 16

52-Boating

46-Angling W/O A License In Possession

4-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession

1-Fish W/O Resident Hook And Line License

3-Take Illegal/Undersize Black Bass

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

1-Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

6-Littering

2-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

2-Criminal Trespass State Property

1-Resisting Arrest By Flight

1-Reckless Operation Of Motor Vehicle

1-Improper Lane Usage

1-Driving Left Of Center

1-Passing No Passing Zone

1-Speeding Excess Of 90 mph.

CONFISCATIONS:

289 channel catfish, 55 blue catfish, 4 black bass, 2 marijuana cigarettes, 3 bags of

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.

marijuana.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

52-Boating

2-Commercial Fishing

55-Sport Fishing

6-Littering

10-Other

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-93

ENFORCEMENT-93

OTHER DIV. - 0

41-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

17-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

8-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Trapping During Closed Season

1-DWI

6-Violate Rules and Regs. Of Harvest Of Freshwater Mussels

CONFISCATIONS:

**100 yards of 3 inch gill net, 100 yards of 3 inch trammel net, 2 mussel harvester permits,
2 commercial licenses, 10 dead mussel shells, 39 undersize washboard mussel shells.**

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

41-Boating

44-Fishing

1-Hunting

7-Other

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-179

ENFORCEMENT-179

OTHER DIV. - 0

83-Boating

33-Angling W/O A License

6-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

18-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp

4-Not Abiding By Commission Rules Finfish

6-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Transport W/O Required License

1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

3-Take Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

16-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

**29 red snapper, 2 flounder, 1 speckled trout, 3 alligators, 2,771 king mackerel, 1 headlight,
2 rods and reels, 1 boat and trailer, 2 outboard motors, 1 resident fishing license.**

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

83-Boating

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REGION 5 CONTD.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY CONT'D.:

83-Boating

4-Public Assistance

62-Sport Fishing

8-Commercial Fishing

6-Hunting

16-Littering

4-Other

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REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-173

ENFORCEMENT-167

OTHER DIV. - 6

120-Boating

15-Angling W/O License In Possession

2-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

8-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum

1-Sell Shrimp No Wholesale/Retail License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Control Of Importation Of Fish

1-Trawling In Closes Season

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Littering

1-Possession Of Firearm By A Convicted Felon

1-Trawling In closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

1 shotgun, 10 white ibis, 7 yellow crown night herons, 8 crawfish sacks, 5 grobec, 1 beer bottle, 2 red drum, 2,639 green sunfish, 49 bluegill, 105 carp, 7 shiners, 14 black bass.

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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

120-Boating

33-Sport Fishing

4-Commercial Fishing

1-Trawling

9-Federal

1-Littering

5-Other

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-166

ENFORCEMENT-166

OTHER DIV. - 0

98-Boating

44-Angling W/O A License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

7-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

1-Possess Undersize Speckled Trout

1-No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

5-Fish W/O Cane Pole License

1-Take Overlimit Of Bass

8-Littering

5-DWI

CONFISCATIONS:

None.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

93-Boating

3-Commercial Fishing

57-Sport Fishing

8-Littering

5-Other

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REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-290

ENFORCEMENT-280

OTHER DIV. - 10

75-Boating

89-Angling W/O A Basic License

5-Angling W/O Basic Non-Resident License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

15-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

3-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp

1-Take/Possess Over The Limit Of Freshwater Game Fish

7-Possess Over The Limit Of Red Drum

3-Possess Over The Limit Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27"

1-Fail To Have Saltwater Fish Intact

12-Take Or Possess Undersize Speckled Trout

8-Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum

7-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum

1-Possess Over the Limit Of Speckled Trout

5-Take Or Possess Over The Limit Of Black Drum

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 1-Possess Undersize Finfish
- 6-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
- 4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 4-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 2-Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
- 2-Transport W/O Required License
- 2-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish (Finfish)
- 1-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
- 1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
- 1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 3-Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Container
- 3-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs
- 2-Butterflying In Closed Season
- 1-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 1-Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease
- 1-Take Or Possess Alligators In Closed Season
- 10-Possess Red Drum In Federal Waters
- 10-Other Than Wildlife

CONFISCATIONS:

15 white trout, 5 sheepshead, 79 speckled trout, 36 black drum, 15 sacks of oysters, 130 lbs.

REGION 8 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.

Of eel catfish, 149 lbs. Of swordfish, 2,224 lbs. Of mahi-mahi, 4,578 tuna, fish sold for \$15,984.69, 2 flounder, 1 amberjack, 122 red drum, 268 channel catfish, 1,100 lbs. Of crabs, 58 lbs. Of oil fish, 220 lbs. Of wahoo, 17 lbs. Of spanish mackerel, 4,195 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$11,326.50, 1 crab trap, 1 butterfly net, 1 commercial license, 2 ice chests, 1 trawl license, 2 boats.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

75-Boating

13-Public Assistance

170-Sport Fishing

1-Alligator

34-Commercial Fishing

10-Other

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REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-174

ENFORCEMENT-171

OTHER DIV. - 3

56-Boating

1-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic. Non-Res.

38-Angling W/O A License

19-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

4-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp

2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

5-Possess Undersize Red Drum

3-Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout

1-Angling W/O License Non-Resident

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Sell Fish W/O Resident Wholesale/Retail License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Fail To Have Comm. Lic. In Possession

2-Take Comm. Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Possess Undersize Comm. Finfish

2-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

3-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

4-Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours

2-Theft Of Crab Traps

REGION 9 CONT'D.

7-Possess Undersize Commercial Hard Crabs

1-Sell Undersized Commercial Hard Crabs

6-Trawling In Closed Season

1-Butterflying IN Closed Season

1-Use Skimmers In Closed Season

1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

4-Take Alligators Closed Season

1-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

1-D.W.I.

3-Littering

1-Public Intoxications

CONFISCATIONS:

3,500 lbs. Of crabs released, 42 catfish released, 2 largemouth bass, 12 speckled trout, 14 red drum, 1 red fish, 3 berry crabs, 1/4 sack of oysters, 1 alligator tail, 1 alligator, 1,085 lbs. Of shrimp sold for \$1306.25, 30 lbs. Of shrimp disposed of, 16 crab traps, 1 ice chest, 6 skimmer nets, 2 skimmer baskets, 2 trawls.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

56-Boating

73-Sport Fishing

27-Commercial Fishing

8-Trawling

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REGION 9 CONT'D.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

4-Alligators

3-Littering

3-Other

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-27

11-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Waters

1-Sell And Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

6-Fail To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

1-Failure To Pay Severance Tax (Oysters)

1-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data

1-Fail To Maintain Records

4-Sanitation Code Chapter 9;Failure To Complete Log Sheets Correctly

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Wholesale/Retailer

1-Lacey Act

CONFISCATIONS:

168 sacks of oysters.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE:

26-Commercial Fishing

1-Federal

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION SECTION:

TOTAL CASES-45

1-Boating

7-Angling W/O A Basic License

7-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Possession Of Undersize Red Drum

2-No Commercial License In Possession

2-No Commercial Vessel License

2-Transport W/O Required License

2-Sell And Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

3-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

2-Buy Fish From Unlicensed Fishermen

6-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

4-Federal: Shark Violation

3-Filing False Documents

3-Injuring Public Records

CONFISCATIONS:

3 red drum, 1200 crabs, 1,916 shark and sharkfins sold for \$1,733.80,

4431 lbs. Of tuna sold for \$11,833.75, 220 lbs. Wahoo sold for \$220.00, 2,221 lbs. Of mahi mahi sold for \$2,780.00, 301 lbs. Of blue fin tuna sold for \$602.00, 149 lbs. Of sword fish sold for \$484.25, 42 lbs. Of black fin tuna sold for \$12.60, 50 lbs. Of oil fish sold for \$43.50.

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TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATION SECTION:

1-Boating

6-Felony

19-Commercial Fishing

4-Federal: Commercial Fish

15-Sport Fishing

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S.W.E.P.

199 ENGINE HOURS

130 BOATS CHECKED

52-TOTAL CASES

6-Boating

13-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

4-Angling W/O Resident License

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

4-Possess Berry Stage Crabs

4-Littering

2-Possess Berry Stage Crabs

2-Littering

2-Possess Undersize Speckled Trout

2-No Commercial License

2-No Commercial Gear License

2-No Commercial Vessel License

2-Trawl Closed Season

1-DWI

1-Simple Intoxication

S.W.E.P CONT'D.

1-Possession Of Marijuana

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data

1-No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

1-Fail To Pay Severance Tax

1-Failure To Fill Oysters Tags Properly

1-Take/Possess Undersize Federal Controlled Fish

CONFISCATIONS:

90 sacks of oysters returned-to-water, 6,345 lbs. Of tuna sold for \$17,995.00, 24 amber jack,

4-25 foot trawl.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.:

6-Boating

13-Sport Fishing

26-Commercial Fishing

4-Littering

3-Other

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-32

7-Boating

2-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fish

15-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

1-Angling W/O Non-Resident License

2-Take/Possess Overlimit Undersize Freshwater Gamefish

1-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp As Per 56:13.1E

CONFISCATIONS:

23 undersize catfish.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE:

7-Boating

22-Sport Fishing

3-Commercial Fishing

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TOTAL CASES-ENFORCEMENT-1477

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 35

GRAND TOTAL -1512

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

JUNE, 1996

July

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 40.1

185-Float - 70365
Hrs. - 41.7

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 54.5

Enforcement Hours - 112.6
Other Divisions - 23.7

Total Plane Use - 136.3 Hrs.

Cases Made in Conjunction with Aircraft Use Resulted in Citations
issued for:

- 1 - No Oyster Harvester License
- 1 - No Commercial License
- 1 - No Gear License
- 1 - No Vessel License
- 1 - Possess or Sell Undersize Crabs
- 1 - Trawling Closed Season
- 1 - Oversize Trawl
- 7 Total Cases

NEW RELEASE
ENFORCEMENT DIV.
August 8, 1996

Sixty One Cited For Shark Fishing Violations

Wildlife Enforcement Agents from the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division's Special Investigations Section have concluded a three month investigation of state shark permit and reporting violations. The investigations has revealed 175 suspected violations of the permit regulations.

According to LDWF's Enforcement Chief Col. Winton Vidrine, the investigators found that more than 1.3 million pounds of harvested shark was not reported by commercial shark fishermen. "Permit regulations require that any sharks taken by these fishermen must be reported to the department," Vidrine said. "The loss of that data has a big impact on our ability to properly manage the species," he added. Vidrine further explained that the value of the un-reported sharks was estimated at 1.4 million dollars.

The Department uses information contained in the reports to generate management schemes and maintain quota figures for state and federal resource management agencies.

The penalty for violating state shark regulations by failure to report harvested sharks is a fine of \$250 to \$500 or jail for not more than 90 days or both.

Agents participating in the case were Sergeants David Folse and Jeff Mayne and Senior Agents Mark Benton, Guy Adams and Darryl Moore.

Enforcement agents began contacting the suspects on the morning of Thursday, August 8, and issuing citations for the alleged violations. Most of the fishermen are located in St. Bernard, Orleans, Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes. Some of the fishermen are non-residents from the states of Mississippi, Virginia, Florida and Texas. The names are listed as follows:

Orleans Parish: Hop V. Tran, 34, three counts, Thien V. Tran, 39, 5 counts, John Tran, 35, 1 count, Chuan J. Nguyen, 35, three counts, Tung V. Tran, 43, 5 counts, Nghi N. Nguyen, 39, 8 counts, Thanh V. Nguyen, 34, eight counts, Thien D. Ho, 40, three counts, Le V. Tran, 42, seven counts, Dvong V. Nguyen, 44, three counts, Trinh V. Tran, 35, three counts, Loc D. Nguyen, 42, two counts, Cu Tran, 46, two counts, Sang D. Ho, 40, one count, Thien D. Nguyen, 35, 5 counts, Michael Pham, 30, one count, Huy V. Nguyen, 38, one count, Hung V. Tran, 53, five counts and Dien Nguyen, 27, three counts.

Plaquemines Parish: Darrell W. Loga, 41, two counts, Carl D. Holloway, 22, one count, Robert Hingle, 37, one count, Sean Buras, 28, one count, Keith C. Adams, Jr., 24, one count, Julinne G. Creppel, Jr., 27, two counts, Richard Crosby, 33, two counts, Benjamin H. Loga, Jr., 33, one count, Wendell Fontenot, 41, five counts, Ba X. Nguyen, 41, nine counts, David W. Simpson, 45, two counts, Nga Vo, 43, one count, Kevin S. Drury, 23, two counts, Raymond E. Ryan, 41, one count, Jeffrey M. Scarabin, 54, one count, Randy L. Boyd, 20, one count, Bryant J. Drury, 21, one count, Webley L. Bourgeois, 25, three counts, Otto R. Stayler Jr., 51, one

count, Tot V. Tran, 45, five counts, Berlin J. Moreau, Jr., 32, one count, Fred A. Evans, 54, four counts, Anthony Coludrovich, IV, 22, two counts, Alexander F. Pinder, 60, one count.


Jefferson Parish: Mark Vogel, 37, one count and Tuan N. Tran, 27, two counts.

St. Bernard Parish: Joseph A. Norman, 33, ten counts.

The non-residents are identified as Nghia V. Tran, 53, Biloxi MS, four counts, Dinh T. Nguyen, 28, Manassas VA, one count, Larry Nguyen, 38, Gauthier MS, five counts, Charles Arend, no age available, St. Petersburg FL, two counts, Giau M. Vo, 43, Biloxi MS, three counts, Hai V. Vo, no age available, Biloxi MS, five counts, Chin Ngo, 39, Pensacola FL, one count, Mink D. Vo, no age available, Houston TX, one count, Luan V. Bui, 42, Biloxi MS, seven counts, Dan Tran T. Nguyen, 53, Ocean Springs MS, eight counts, Johnny L. Shoulders, no age available, Milton FL, one count, An N. Nguyen, 46, Ocean Springs MS, one count, Charles T. Willer, 36, Toms River NJ, two counts and Jay Monzingo, no age available, Gulf Breeze FL.

For more information contact Sgt. Jeff Mayne at (504) 765-2980.

December 1996

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

SEPT-96	RULE - Physically Challenged Hunter Permits
	RULE - Timken Wildlife Management Area
	RULE - Waddill Wildlife Refuge
OCT-96	RULE - Recreational Harvest for Southern Flounder
NOV-96	RULE - 1997 Spring Turkey Season
	RULE - Lake Louis Commercial Fish Seines

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 2-AUG-1996

CURRENT MONTH 07/01/1996 TO 07/31/1996 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1996 TO 07/31/1996 INCEPTION TO DATE 07/31/1996

ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
40	\$71,894.13	40	\$71,894.13	3,098	\$2,147,388.39
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	69	\$1,725.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
40	\$71,894.13	40	\$71,894.13	3,098	\$1,951,199.15
32	\$5,249.93-	32	\$5,249.93-	1,952	\$290,965.59-
25	\$2,947.96-	25	\$2,947.96-	1,276	\$142,545.23-
2	\$10.58	2	\$10.58	74	\$1,484.24
1	\$10.57	1	\$10.57	32	\$7,036.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	16	\$75,437.67
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$9.37-
1	\$13.20	1	\$13.20	16	\$5,913.25
1	\$20.54-	1	\$20.54-	44	\$12,758.46-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	202	\$258,985.19-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$19,762.94-
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80-

** TOTAL OUTSTANDING

905 \$1,306,780.28

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS

# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
1	\$20.00	1	\$20.00	47	\$10,860.67
0	\$5.00	0	\$5.00	0	\$2,715.16
0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00 *

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	1 - 30 DAYS	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	2
1 - 30 DAYS	1	\$0.00	1 - 30 DAYS	2
31 - 60 DAYS	13	\$101.00	31 - 60 DAYS	37
61 - 90 DAYS	33	\$19,999.65	61 - 90 DAYS	25
91 - 120 DAYS	7	\$8,394.70	91 - 120 DAYS	12
121 - 150 DAYS	10	\$1,120.10	121 - 150 DAYS	7
151 - 180 DAYS	15	\$8,568.80	151 - 180 DAYS	17
181 - 365 DAYS	85	\$18,772.68	181 - 365 DAYS	22
OVER ONE YEAR	120	\$45,074.76	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	140
OVER TWO YEARS	69	\$105,243.76	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	12
OVER THREE YEARS	8	\$55,165.70	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	0
		\$3,273.95		631

** TOTAL AGING

361 \$265,715.10

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905 \$1,306,780.28

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Percent Dollars Paid	Percent Cases Paid
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1993-94</u>								
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
Aug., 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
Oct., 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777		27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918		32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
Mar., 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
Total FY 1994	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5%	79.6%
<u>FISCAL YEAR 1994-95</u>								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
Aug., 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592		45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
Mar., 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
Apr., 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May., 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
Total FY 1995	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1%	70.0%
<u>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</u>								
July, 1995	0	0						
Aug., 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729		
Sept., 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049		
Oct., 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161		
Nov., 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383		
Dec., 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803		
Jan., 1996	49	13,815	(15,296)	36	5,297	3,473		
Feb., 1996	50	14,717		38	5,778	3,417		
Mar., 1996	33	24,937		36	6,035	3,422		
Apr., 1996	30	11,007		36	7,173	2,712		
May., 1996	23	7,989		24	3,942	2,020		
June 1996	50	22,151		16	2,790	1,182		
Total FY 1996	509	360,141	(15,296)	357	60,787	30,350	25.3%	70.1%
<u>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</u>								
July, 1996	40	71,894		32	5,250	2,948		
Aug., 1996								
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Feb., 1997								
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May., 1997								
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Total FY 1997	40	71,894	0	32	5,250	2,948	11.4%	80.0%

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NEWS RELEASE

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AUGUST WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING SET

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its next regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, 1996, in the Louisiana Room of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

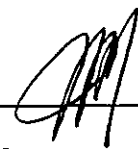
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4. Announcement of tentative 1996-97 hunting season dates and bag limits for ducks, geese and coots.
5. Public comments on 1996-97 migratory bird (dove, teal, rail, gallinule, snipe, woodcock) hunting seasons.
6. Public comments on 1997 spring turkey hunting season.
7. Public comments on disabled hunter program.
8. Declaration of Emergency: open public oyster seed grounds for 1996-97 season.
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10. Enforcement and Aviation reports — July.
11. Division reports.
12. Set December 1996 meeting date.
13. Public comments.
14. Adjourn.

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July 30, 1996

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APPROVED: _____



AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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8. Declaration of Emergency to Open Public Oyster Seed Grounds for 1996-97 Season
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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
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SUBJECT: August Commission Meeting Agenda

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

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FAX TRANSMITTAL

TO: Glynn Carver
Chairman

FAX#

FROM Susan Hawkins

RE: August Commission Agenda

Please review the attached agenda for the August 8th Commission Meeting. If there are any changes to be made, let me know.

Thank you.

DATE: 7/23/96

TIME SENT

FOR INFORMATION CALL (504) 765- 2806

OUR FAX # (504) 765-2607

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2. Public comments - 1996-97 Migratory Bird Hunting Season dates for doves, woodcock, etc.
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4. Public comments - Disabled Hunter Program.
5. LA Taxidermist Association, 1996 Secretary's Cup winner

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Susan:

7/18/96
Items for August Commission meeting.

*(1) Opening of public oystershed grounds
for 1996-97 season.*

(2) Opening of fall inshore shrimp season.

[Signature]
cc: J. Roussel

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DEAR SUSAN:

THE INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION HAS
NOTHING TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE AUGUST 8TH COMMISSION MEETING.

[Signature]

B. J. FONTENOT, JR.
ADMINISTRATOR
INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

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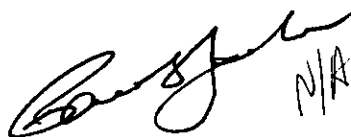
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